My name is Stefan Wasilewski. I am a professional in the computer
industry. I am strongly opposed the the proposed settlement.
Here are some reasons why:

* Microsoft holds a dominant position throughout the software
industry. A remedy which deals exclusively with "middleware" is not
sufficient. All Microsoft software should be covered.

* There should be no restrictions on pricing or product tying.
Microsoft should be left free to develop and sell its products as it
sees fit. The only exception to this are the rules which cover OEMs
ability to include competing products instead of Microsoft ones.

* Microsoft's monopoly position is founded on its control of
proprietary interfaces. Microsoft products are linked through a
network of proprietary interfaces, making it difficult for
competitors to produce software that will inter-operate with
Microsoft software. If the proprietary interfaces were published
then competitors could produce software that competed directly with
Microsoft without the expensive and error-prone process of reverse
engineering.

* These proprietary interfaces are in the form of file formats,
network protocols and APIs. All three need to be made available to
competing products.

* Where two Microsoft products work together the interface between
them can best be made available by setting up a "Chinese wall"
between the development groups responsible for them, and then
requiring Microsoft to publish all the technical data that is
exchanged between these groups.

* Where one copy of a product communicates with other copies of the
same product (such as when an MS word document is sent to another MS
Word user) the file format or communication protocol should be
published in a form which allows independent verification that the
product conforms to the published description.

* Special consideration should be taken of Open Source Software
development over the questions of cost, trade secret status and
patent licensing.

* The "security related" exception to disclosure should be narrowed to

include only keys, passwords and similar security tokens.

Thank you,

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